

Remarks

Claims 2-13, 16, 18-22, 26, 40, 44, 62, 80, 98, 114, and 120-122 are pending, of which claims 13, 18, 19, 21, 121, and 122 are currently under consideration. By this Amendment claim 13 is currently amended; no new claims are added; and no claims are canceled. No new matter is introduced.

Claim 13 is currently amended to omit parenthetical amino acid sequences PRHFPQ and GQKSLH.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner indicated that the IDS papers filed July 19, 2004, incorrectly list the application serial number and does not include a 1449 form. The Examiner requested that the Applicant resend the IDS filed July 19, 2004, with the proper serial number and 1449 form.

In response, Applicant wishes to point out that the first page of the IDS in question recited the correct serial number, and it is only the header on subsequent pages that included the serial number with a spurious addition of one digit. Applicant also notes that the IDS in question did not include a 1449 form. Applicant's representative apologizes for not making this clear at the time of the original submission.

Applicant herewith resubmits the IDS filed July 19, 2004, with the correct serial number recited in the header on pages 2-4. As with the original submission, there is no accompanying 1449 form. Accordingly, text making reference to a 1449 form is omitted in this resubmitted IDS. Applicant has not resubmitted copies of the references cited in and provided with the IDS filed July 19, 2004, as these have been entered into the record.

Compliance with Requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825

The Examiner indicated that the previous amendment to claim 13 invokes a sequence compliance issue. Specifically, the examiner objected to inclusion of two parenthetical amino acid sequences, PRHFPQ and GQKSLH, without associated SEQ ID NOs. The examiner indicated that the Applicant can simply delete the amino acid letter portion currently in parentheses in claim 13 to overcome this sequence compliance issue.

In response, Applicant has amended claim 13 to delete the amino acid letter portion currently in parentheses in claim 13. It is believed that the current amendment to claim 13 does not alter the arguments presented in the previous Amendment. Accordingly, Applicant urges the examiner to withdraw the objection.


Summary

Claim 13 is amended to overcome a sequence compliance issue. It is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance. A prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions about this response, she is urged to contact Applicant's representative at the number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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